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FROM: Acting National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT: Reactions to Certain US Strategic Force Improvements

1. Attached is a second version of the outline for the assessment requested by Mr. Rowen and the DCI. It has been revised in line with our discussion on Wednesday. As we agreed, I have tried to draw from the discussion in the DCI's memorandum of 25 August a set of questions on issues which are most pertinent to the ongoing deliberations on the US force planning options given us for evaluation. The issues I have identified are a rung below those some of you suggested at our meeting. However, at this point we are working on the content of the discussion section of the paper. We could still draw attention in the Key Judgments to the relevance of our assessments to some of the broader issues some of you had in mind. 25X1

2. Mr. Rowen has agreed that a reasonable target date for the paper is Friday, 4 September. This means I should have your contributions by noon Wednesday, 2 September, in order to allow time to draft the paper, get your comments and turn it around. I would appreciate any inputs you have before then if they are ready. As in the first phase of this effort, the form of your input is not important as long as we can read it. 25X1

3. In the event the DCI finds the paper suitable to distribute to NSC or SIG members, we should, if possible, have OGSR prepare any graphics used. We will, of course, need the data for the graphics soonest. 25X1

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